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In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A database comprising:

a first graphical user interface adapted to create and store data objects; and a second graphical user interface adapted to enable a user to input arbitrary text to define and store bidirectional text describing relations between related data objects, said bidirectional text corresponding to a given pair of related data objects O₁ and O₂ including first text that characterizes semantics of a relationship of object O₁ to O₂ and second text that characterizes semantics of a relationship of object O₂ to O₁.

- 2. (original) A database according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - a third graphical user interface adapted to view said data objects.
- 3. (currently amended) A database according to claim 2, wherein:

said third graphical <u>user interface</u> is adapted to identify related data objects and display relevant parts of said bidirectional text with respect to related data objects in conjunction with visual indicia representing the related data objects.